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Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: American News		2. DATE OF FILING: 9/30/99
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: Daily, Mon-SAT., and Sunday	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 365	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: 156.00

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*: 124 S 2ND St., Aberdeen, Brown County, S.D. 57401-4010

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*: 124 S 2ND St., Aberdeen, Brown County, S.D. 57401-4010

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Billie S. Smith

7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.*

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Aberdeen News Company	124 S 2ND St., BOX 4430, Aberdeen, SD 57402-4430
Knight Ridder INC.	50 W San Fernando St., STE 1200 SAN Jose, CA 95113-2413

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS. MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES *(If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form)*: None

9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION *(See instructions on reverse side)*	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS		ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)*	18,647 21,084	Mon-SAT Sun	18,343 20,375
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	13,565 16,252	Mon-SAT Sun	13,537 15,992
2. Mail Subscription *(Paid and or requested)*	3726 3883	Mon-SAT Sun	3535 3146
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION *(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)*	17,291 19,535	Mon-SAT Sun	17,072 19,138
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	1 5	Mon-SAT Sun	1 1
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	38 40	Mon-SAT Sun	37 37
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION *(Sum of C and D)*	17,330 19,580	Mon-SAT Sun	17,110 19,176
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	361 401	Mon-SAT Sun	346 376
2. Return from News Agents	955 1103	Mon-SAT Sun	887 823
G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)*	18,647 21,084	Mon-SAT Sun	18,343 20,375

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER: Cindy Eskamp, Vice President

State of South Dakota)

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County of Brown)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1999

Carla Ronning

Notary Public

My commission expires 8/7/2003

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To: Newspaper Listed Below

From: South Dakota Newspaper Association

Shown below is the information contained in the 1999 South Dakota Newspaper Association Directory in regards to your paper. Please make any corrections necessary by crossing out the incorrect information and listing the correct information on the right.

(You **do not need** to correct the circulation figure as we enter the information from your postal statement. Also, **do not change** the population and household figures .)

This information must be returned to the SDNA/SDNS office (Box 2230, Brookings, SD 57007) no later than **Oct. 15, 1999**, or the information below will be printed in the 1999 directory.

•Aberdeen

CITY POPULATION: 24,927
CITY HOUSEHOLDS: 9.998
COUNTY: Brown
CO. POPULATION: 35,580
CO. HOUSEHOLDS: 13,867

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SPECIFICATIONS:
Pub. Days: Daily (a.m.)
Ad Deadlines: Mon (Thurs. 5:30); Tues. (Fri. noon); Wed. (Fri. 5:00); Thurs. (Mon. 5:30); Fri (Tues. 5:30); Sat. (Wed. 5:30); Sun. (Wed. 5:30); Color ads one day earlier.
Page Size: 6 col. x 21.50"
Col. Width: 12 picas
Class Page: 8 col. x 21.50"
Col. Width: 9 picas
SPECIAL DAYS: Food (Wed.); Entertainment (Thurs.); Farm Forum (Fri.)
CIRCULATION:
Daily: ~~17,424~~ 17409
Sunday: ~~19,306~~ 19,221
SUBSCRIPTION (Annual):
In-State: ~~$148.20~~ $159.74 (mail) *includes 6% sales tax*
Out-of-State: ~~$187.60~~ 187.82 (mail) *includes 6% sales tax*
~~SINGLE COPY: 50 cents daily, $1.25~~ 1.50 Sunday *includes 6% sales tax*
ADDL CIRCULATION:
Farm Forum/Circ.: ~~42,042~~ 40,800
Saver (TMC),
Sun/Mon (non-subscribers)
Circulation: ~~16,000~~ 14,800
Ad Deadline: Wednesday noon

IMPORTANT!

1. CIRCULATION AND SUBSCRIPTION PRICES: Please indicate if sales tax is included in your price total:
Circulation Price:
❑ Includes Sales Tax of _____%
❑ Add on Sales Tax of _____%

Single Copy Price:
❑ Includes Sales Tax of _____%
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2. If your classified columns are a **different** size than your news columns, and that information **is not in your 1998 listing,** please enter the number of columns and column widths (classified) below:

No. of Cols._____ **Column Width:**_____

3. If you have a publication for **additional circulation** and it was not shown in the 1998 directory, please enter the name and circulation here (Papers that are members of group TMC products please use the same circulation number in all references to the product.):

Name:_____

Circulation:_____

4. If you have a FAX machine, or if you have access to one, **and it is not in your current directory listing,** please enter your number in the space provided here.

FAX Number: _____

FAX Access: _____

5. E-Mail or Home Page Addresses: If your newspaper has an E-Mail or HomePage location on the Internet that you would like listed in the directory, please enter the information in the space provided:

E-Mail Address:_____

Home Page Address:_____

6. Daily Newspapers: If you have a Sunday publication, please list your Sunday paid circulation total:

Sunday Paid Circulation:_____